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REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 USC 121:

- Group I Claims 1-20, drawn to a method for preparing a solution of refolded eukaryotic membrane protein, classified in class 530, subclass 417;
- Group II Claims 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 46, and 51, drawn to a crystalline form of eukaryotic membrane protein and a method for preparing a crystalline form of eukaryotic membrane protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350;
- Group III Claims 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, 42, 47, and 52, drawn to a crystalline form of eukaryotic membrane protein and a method for preparing a crystalline form of eukaryotic membrane protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350;
- Group IV Claims 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 48, and 53, drawn to a crystalline form of eukaryotic membrane protein and a method for preparing a crystalline form of eukaryotic membrane protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350;
- Group V Claims 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 49, and 54, drawn to a crystalline form of eukaryotic membrane protein and a method for preparing a crystalline form of eukaryotic membrane protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, that is claims 1-20.

Rejoinder

Group I and Group II-V are related because the membrane protein prepared by the method of Group I is used in a method of Group II-V. Applicant understands that when a product claim of Group I is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §821.04 and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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